

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 12-15, 18-21, 26, 27, 32, 33, 38, 39, and 44-51 are pending in this application. Claims 3-11, 16-17, 22-25, 28-31, 34-37, and 40-43 were previously canceled. By this Amendment, claims 1-2, 12-15 and 18-21 are amended. Claims 1 and 18-21 are the independent claims.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §101

The Examiner has rejected claims 1-2 and 12-15 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter. In accordance with the Examiner's suggestions on page 3 of the Office Action, Applicants have amended claims 1-2 and 12-15 to overcome this rejection. As such, Applicants respectfully request that this rejection be withdrawn.

Examiner Interview

Applicants thank the Examiner for granting the interview conducted on June 17, 2010. During the interview, Applicants discussed the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a), and the features of the claimed invention. In particular, Applicants discussed the Moon reference and the "still picture unit" of claim 1. Applicants explained that a still picture unit includes a still picture and associated graphic data. However, the still picture unit does not include audio data. Rather, the audio data is provided in a different stream file and managed by a separate playitem. In contrast, Moon teaches a VOB that includes video packs, audio packs, and graphic data packs. Irrespective of what *type* of packs is included in the VOB, all packs that are included in the VOB are reproduced *synchronously*. During the interview, Applicants discussed the proposed limitation "the at least one still picture unit not including the audio data" in

order to further clarify the still picture unit of claim 1. In response, the Examiner agreed that this limitation would overcome the Moon reference. Interview Summary dated June 22, 2010. Based on this agreement, Applicants have amended independent claims 1 and 18-21 to include this limitation. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) be withdrawn.

Also, Applicants submit that this application is *now* in a condition for allowance. If anything should prevent this application from proceeding to allowance, the Examiner is invited to call Jared Scholz at 703-668-8006. Also, the Examiner indicated that she would call Applicants after the Examiner conducted a search for related Application No. 10/766,211 to notify Applicants of any allowable subject matter for the '211 application and the present application.

Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. §103(a)

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2, 12-15, 18-21, 26, 27, 32, 33, 38, 39, 44-51 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent Publication 2002/0145702 to Kato et al. ("Kato") in view of U.S. Patent 7,054,545 to Ando et al. ("Ando") in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,771,891 to Moon ("Moon") in view of U.S. Patent 6,529,683 to Mori et al. ("Mori"). As stated above, the Examiner agreed that Moon does not teach the "still picture unit" within the meaning of the independent claims because Moon does not teach the feature "the at least one still picture unit not including the audio data." Therefore, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw this rejection.

CONCLUSION

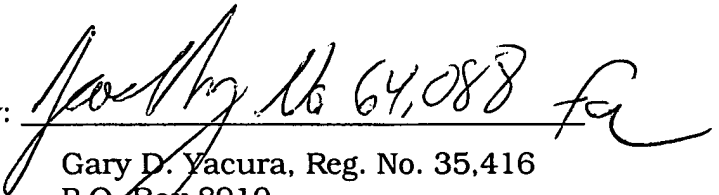
In view of the above remarks and amendments, Applicants respectfully submit that each of the rejections has been addressed and overcome, placing the present application in condition for allowance. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If the Examiner believes that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Gary D. Yacura at the telephone number of the undersigned below.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 08-0750 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.16 or under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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